

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An image forming apparatus comprising:

a storage unit configured to store ~~setting information including at least a size of a substitute recording medium for each user~~ a plurality of user identifiers, and for each user identifier there is also stored a corresponding recording medium size and a size of a substitute recording medium; and

a processor configured to determine a user identifier corresponding to a print instruction and to execute ~~[[a]]~~ the print instruction by automatically changing a size of a recording medium to be used as specified by the print instruction to the size of the substitute recording medium ~~based on the setting information stored in said storage~~ by accessing the storage unit to determine, for the user identifier corresponding to the print instruction, which substitute recording medium corresponds to the size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction, when the size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said ~~setting information includes~~ storage unit is configured to store, in correspondence with at least one of the user identifiers, information specifying whether or not a zoom is required when printing information, and/or information specifying a printing position on the recording medium.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the storage unit is configured to store the ~~setting information~~ size of the substitute recording medium in response to an external setting instruction from outside.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 3, further comprising:

a notifying device configured to notify to the outside when the size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available or when ~~corresponding setting information~~ the size of the substitute recording medium is not stored in the storage unit, together with information indicating an available size of the recording medium, so as to request ~~the setting instruction~~ a selection of a recording medium size to use to execute the print instruction.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

a setting device configured to set and store the ~~setting information~~ size of the substitute recording medium in the storage unit.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said ~~setting information is stored in said storage in the form of a table~~ storage device stores the plurality of user identifiers, the corresponding recording medium size, and the corresponding size of the substitute recording medium in a table.

Claims 7-9 (Canceled)

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): An image forming method comprising:

~~reading setting information which includes at least a size of a substitute recording medium for each user from a storage; and~~

storing, in a storage unit, a plurality of user identifiers, and for each user identifier,
storing a corresponding recording medium size and a size of a substitute recording medium;
determining a user identifier corresponding to a print instruction;
executing ~~[[a]]~~ the print instruction by automatically changing a size of a recording
medium to be used as specified by the print instruction to the size of the substitute recording
medium ~~based on the setting information stored in said storage~~ by accessing the storage unit
and determining, for the user identifier corresponding to the print instruction, which
substitute recording medium corresponds to the size of the recording medium specified by the
print instruction, when the size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction is
not available.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The image forming method as claimed in claim 10,
wherein said ~~setting information~~ storing includes storing, in correspondence with at least on
of the user identifiers, information specifying whether or not a zoom is required when
printing information, and/or information specifying a printing position on the recording
medium.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The image forming method as claimed in claim 10,
further comprising:
~~storing the setting information in said storage~~ size of the substitute recording medium
in the storage unit in response to an external setting instruction from outside.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The image forming method as claimed in claim 12,
further comprising:

notifying to the outside when the size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available or when ~~corresponding setting information~~ the size of the substitute recording medium is not stored in said storage unit, together with information indicating an available size of the recording medium, so as to request ~~the setting instruction~~ a selection of a recording medium size to use to execute the print instruction.

Claim 14 (Canceled).

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The image forming method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said ~~setting information is stored in said storage in the form of a table~~ storing includes storing the plurality of user identifiers, the corresponding recording medium size, and the corresponding size of the substitute recording medium in a table.

Claims 16-18 (Canceled)

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A computer-readable storage medium encoded with instructions, which when executed by ~~stores a computer, program for causing a~~ causes the computer to print information on a recording medium in response to a print instruction ~~implement an image forming method; said computer program comprising:~~

~~a reading procedure causing the computer to read setting information which includes at least a size of a substitute recording medium for each user from a storage; and~~

storing, in a storage unit, a plurality of user identifiers, and for each user identifier, storing a corresponding recording medium size and a size of a substitute recording medium; determining a user identifier corresponding to a print instruction;

~~a processing procedure causing the computer to execute a print instruction by automatically changing a size of a recording medium to be used to the size of the substitute recording medium based on the setting information stored in said storage, when the size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available~~

executing the print instruction by automatically changing a size of a recording medium to be used as specified by the print instruction to the size of the substitute recording medium by accessing the storage unit and determining, for the user identifier corresponding to the print instruction, which substitute recording medium corresponds to the size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction, when the size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A computer-readable storage medium encoded with instruction, which stores ~~when executed a computer, program for causing a~~ causes the computer to print information on a recording medium in response to a print instruction, said computer program implement a method comprising:

~~a registering procedure causing the computer to register setting information which includes at least a size of a substitute recording medium for each user to be used when a size of a recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available~~

registering a plurality of user identifiers, and for each user identifier, registering a corresponding recording medium size and a size of a substitute recording medium; and

designating, for each of the plurality of user identifiers, that the corresponding size of the substitute recording medium is to be used when the recording medium size is not available.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 20, wherein the computer program is with respect to one of a computer within a host unit which outputs the print instruction with respect to an image forming apparatus and a computer within the image forming apparatus which prints the information on the recording medium.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): An image forming apparatus comprising:
storage means for storing ~~setting information including at least a size of a substitute recording medium for each user~~ a plurality of user identifiers, and for each user identifier there is also stored a corresponding recording medium size and a size of a substitute recording medium; and
processing means for determining a user identifier corresponding to a print instruction and for executing [[a]] the print instruction by automatically changing a size of a recording medium to be used as specified by the print instruction to the size of the substitute recording medium based on the setting information stored in said storage means by accessing the storage means to determine, for the user identifier corresponding to the print instruction, which substitute recording medium corresponds to the size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction, when the size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): An image forming method comprising:
~~a reading step reading setting information which includes at least a size of a substitute recording medium for each user from storage means; and~~

a step for storing, in a storage unit, a plurality of user identifiers, and for each user identifier, storing a corresponding recording medium size and a size of a substitute recording medium;

a step for determining a user identifier corresponding to a print instruction; and

a ~~processing step~~ step for executing [[a]] the print instruction by automatically changing a size of a recording medium to be used as specified by the print instruction to the size of the substitute recording medium ~~based on the setting information stored in said storage means~~ by accessing the storage unit to determine, for the user identifier corresponding to the print instruction, which substitute recording medium corresponds to the size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction, when the size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available.